CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Hotness-14-25.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1800550.012
Medium:	Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Unrestricted.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	15 February 2019
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	14 February 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

The file is a selfie image taken by a nude teenaged girl. It does not deal with any of the subject matter gateway criteria under s3(1) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act), nor does it deal with anything under s3A or s3B of that Act. It must therefore be classified as unrestricted. The Classification offices notes that nude or partially nude selfies taken by children or young people are now ubiquitous in this era of camera phones and social media. Criminalising children or young people for this activity by making such images objectionable is not the intention of the Classification Office, nor is it in the interest of the public good. The unrestricted classification is consistent with the right to freedom of expression contained in the New Zealand Bill of Right Act 1990.